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THE BULLETIN (CONSERVATIVE) OF JANUARY 16, IN AN EDITORIAL HEADED  
"STATE OF UNION MESSAGE" COMMENTS:

"IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR QUITE SOME TIME THAT IF THE UNITED STATES SNEEZES, THE FREE WORLD WILL CATCH A COLD. WHETHER IT IS AN EXAGGERATION OR NOT IS LEFT TO THE COMMON SENSE OF PEOPLE, BUT A SERIOUS RECESSION IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN IN FINANCIAL TROUBLES FOR SOME TIME; THAT MAY APPEAR TO BE A PLATITUDE BUT THE GRIMNESS OF THE SITUATION HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE BY PRESIDENT FORD, IN HIS STATE OF UNION MESSAGE...

...THE ANSWER LIES WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE OIL QUESTION THAT HAS BECOME A PAIN IN THE NECK TO EVERYONE WILL STAND OUT EVEN IF THE U.S. HAS COAL DEPOSITS AND RESOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN RECKONED AS SEVEN TIMES IN QUANTITY AS THE WHOLE OF THE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS COMBINED. THE U.S. ECONOMY CANNOT FALTER, MERE STUTTERING HAS LED TO MILLIONS OF UNEMPLOYED, WITH MORE TO COME -- THE PRESTIGIOUS COST OF A SUPER POWER IS NOT BEYOND AMERICA'S RESOURCES, IF ONLY THEY ARE HANDLED WELL.

THE U.S. LEADERS KNOW THIS, AS WAS EVIDENCED FROM PRESIDENT FORD'S STATE OF UNION MESSAGE. THE PEOPLE TOO MUST BE MADE FULLY AWARE  
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OF THIS VAST POTENTIAL, THAT LUCKILY PLACES THE UNITED STATES BEYOND

THE CRIPPLING BLOW OF OIL BLACKMAIL. BUT RECESSION AND INFLATION  
ARE STILL BITING DEEP. THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT  
MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT. HENCE THE NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES TO  
WAKE UP FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOMNOLENCE THAT SEEMS TO HAVE GRIPPED  
IT, AND IN THE WORDS OF MR. FORD "A RESURGENT AMERICAN ECONOMY WOULD  
DO MORE TO RESTORE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE WORLD IN ITS OWN FUTURE,  
THAN ANYTHING ELSE AMERICANS CAN DO." BIRN

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